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Dr. James R. Schlesinger, a Harvard economist with special expertise in energy, politics, and national security, was Assistant Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) when President Nixon nominated him as Chairman of the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission.

His nomination on July 21, 1971, was confirmed by the Senate on August 6, and he was sworn in on August 17 for a term which expires June 30, 1975.

Dr. Schlesinger was responsible for budget and management activities associated with national security and international programs when he was Assistant Director at OMB. He was also OMB's representative on the National Space Council.

He was named Assistant Director of the Bureau of the Budget in 1969 and was responsible for framing the Administration's energy policy, particularly in relation to air and water pollution. He later served as Acting Director of the Bureau during its transition to OMB. During this period, Dr. Schlesinger served as BOB representative on the Administration's Environmental Quality Council which preceded the present Council on Environmental Quality.

From 1963 to 1969, he was Director of Strategic Studies at the Rand Corporation in Santa Monica, California, where he specialized in strategic analysis with special reference to nuclear weaponry. While at Rand, he served as project leader of a study on nuclear proliferation which Rand undertook for the Federal Government.

For eight years prior to joining Rand, Dr. Schlesinger was an Associate Professor of Economics at the University of Virginia. He wrote a book "The Political Economy of National Security" in 1960 and has written extensively on the role of systems analyses in relation to political decision-making.

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He was a consultant to the Federal Reserve Board of Governors, and while teaching at the University of Virginia, was the Academic Consultant in Economics to the U. S. Naval War College in 1957.

Dr. Schlesinger graduated from Harvard University with a bachelor of arts degree in 1950. Economics was his major course of study both as an undergraduate and graduate student. He stayed at Harvard, earning his master's degree in 1952 and his Ph.D. in 1956.

A native of New York City, Dr. Schlesinger was born February 15, 1929. He is married to the former Rachel Mellinger of Springfield, Ohio. They have eight children and live in Arlington, Virginia.

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